

TOMPKINS COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY
DRAFT MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
AUGUST 27, 2024

TCPL Board Members Present: Lis Chabot, Vice President; Blixxy Taetzsch, Shelley Wong, Kathy Weinberg, Jason Moore, Marli Stahler, Mimi Townsend, Nina Scholtz, Christina Brewington, Liam Murphy

Board Members Excused: Melisa Sidle, Darrell Long

Also Present: Leslie Tabor, Director; Tonya VanCamp, Business Manager, Mary McKeon, Administrative Manager; Kerry Barnes, TCPL Foundation Executive Director

With a quorum, meeting convened at 4:02 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

APPROVAL OF AGENDA DOC 24-52

A **MOTION** was made by J. Moore and seconded by N. Scholtz to approve the agenda. Approved unanimously.

INTRODUCTION OF TRUSTEE CANDIDATE

Lis Chabot introduced Sarah Clausen, she has a passion for community engagement and help foster inclusivity.

APPROVAL OF JULY 23, 2024, MINUTES DOC 24-53

A **MOTION** was made by M. Stahler and seconded by C. Brewerton to approve the minutes. Approved unanimously.

APPROVAL OF THE BILLS

I, Treasurer, Blixxy Taetzsch, in keeping with New York State Education Law, certify that I have reviewed payroll #15 dated 7/25/24, #16 dated 8/8/24 and #17 dated 8/22/24 totaling \$186,495.17. I have reviewed all vouchers presented for payment, and that all disbursements are within the approved operating budget of the library, and therefore recommend that the Board of Trustees approve for payment August 2024 bills in the amount of \$319,095.02 as listed in Abstracts #22, #23, #24 and #25.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The 2024 Summer Reading Program; "Adventure Begins at Your Library, has ended. Many thanks to Kat Savage, Youth Services Department and the SRP committee. We are in the fourth week of collective bargaining, it is progressing very well.

There are three "Save the Dates" they are:

9/24 Tompkins County Expanded Budget

9/24 Silent Reading Party
10/18 FLLS 66th Annual Meeting

The Volunteer Coordinator accepted another job, the volunteer program is on pause, we are assessing areas of growth. We are preparing a press release.

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Negotiations are going well, cleaning up the language and taking out Civil Service language out of the contract. PSA negotiations are done next moving on to SSA negotiations.

LIAISON REPORTS

Foundation – The Library Leaders Circle donor recognition event on August 15th went very well. We honored long-time co-chairs Barry Chester and Elissa Cogan for their service. Cogan and Chester are stepping down as co-chairs, which is the perfect time for the Foundation to rethink this event. Considerations are being made for smaller, more intimate donor gatherings that will include a wider variety of donors than just dollar amount given.

Tickets for the next Silent Reading Party have been selling well already. We are proud to partner with WSKG as our media sponsor.

Friends – We are accepting donations until September 21st.

A **MOTION** was made by S. Wong and seconded by J. Moore at 4:31 pm. Approved unanimously.

Minutes by Mary McKeon
Administrative Manager

Endorsed by Liam Murphy
Secretary